

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M-18-37  
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Benjamin Allnutt Farm/Ewald Farm
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/37 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 13  
C-8
4. Address: 15511 Sugarland Road, Poolesville
5. Classification Summary
- |                    |                          |                           |   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category           | <u>building</u>          | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u>  |
| Ownership          | <u>private</u>           | Title and Date:           | <u>1976 Inventory of</u>                                  |
| Public Acquisition | <u>N/A</u>               |                           | <u>Historical Sites</u>                                   |
| Status             | <u>occupied</u>          |                           |   |
| Accessible         | <u>no</u>                | Federal                   | <u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use        | <u>private residence</u> |                           |   |
6. Date: early 19th century 7. Original Owner: Lawrence Allnutt (?)  
(additions 1845)
8. Apparent Condition
- a. excellent b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This two-and-a-half story, five bay by two bay, white-painted random range dressed-faced ashlar sandstone house sits on a hill facing east. First floor windows are six-over-nine double-hung, while those on second floor are six-over-six double-hung flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The house has a gable roof with slate fishscale shingles. South of the house is a two story, four bay by one bay, random range quarry-faced sandstone ashlar slave quarters.
10. Significance: This handsome farmhouse and property was owned by one of Montgomery County's oldest families, the Allnutts, from the beginning of the 19th century to 1941. James Allnutt purchased 746 acres bordering Seneca Creek in 1763, and when he died in 1786 his sons built houses of their own on their shares of the estate. His son Lawrence left to his sons Benoni and Lawrence (Jr.) 259 acres and his house. They made alterations to the house about 1845. Lawrence Jr. prospered and added acreage to the property, and at his death in 1859, one of his three sons, Benjamin, received the house and 171 acre homestead. Benjamin married Rachel White and lived there until 1920, when they deeded the house to a child, Henry. Henry farmed the land until 1941 when it was sold out of the family. Since then the house has changed hands five times. The current owners operate an antique shop on the property.
11. Researcher and date researched: Anne Cissel-6/79 Candy Reed  
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation  
Approval
15. Acreage: 37 acres

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Benjamin Allnutt Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Ewald Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

15511 Sugarland Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

☒ VICINITY OF

Dawsonville

8

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery 20837

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Gerald Ewald

Telephone #: 948-5540

STREET &amp; NUMBER

15511 Sugarland Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

☐ VICINITY OF

Maryland 20837

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3134

Folio #: 153

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This rectangular, two and a half story, five bay by two bay, white painted random-range dressed-faced ashlar sandstone house is in excellent condition. It sits on a hill facing east.

Built on fieldstone foundations which have been reinforced by poured concrete, this stone house has been added to over the years. The east (front) porch is a flagstone terrace. Two sandstone steps lead to the double glass and wood paneled east (front) door. The door has a four light transom and the entire entry composition is defined by the stone lintel which reads: B + L Allnutt 1845. First floor windows are six-over-nine double-hung, while those on the second floor are six-over-six. All these windows have stone lintels and sills and are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The house has a gable roof with slate fishscale shingles. There are two chimneys: One interior chimney at the north end, and one interior chimney centered on the ridge line.

Abutting the house to the north is a clapboarded frame addition built on brick foundations. It is two stories high and has a gable roof covered by asbestos shingles. West of this addition is a clapboarded frame addition built on cinderblock foundations. It is one story high and was a garage until it was enclosed. It has a hipped roof covered by asbestos shingles.

South of the house is the rectangular, two story four bay by one bay, random-range quarry-faced sandstone ashlar slave quarters. Built on fieldstone foundations and connected to the main house by a glass passageway, this stone house has had its roof raised. The house faces east. There are two doors on the east elevation; both are glass and wooden paneled dutch doors. There is a variety of windows in this building. On the east elevation the first floor windows are six-over-nine double-hung. At the second level there are two shed-roofed dormers with eight-over-eight double hung windows. On the south elevation at the first floor there is a large eight-over-twelve double-hung window flanked by five-light fixed (or case-ment) windows. At the second level there is an eight-over-eight-light double-hung window. The west door is wooden paneled and south of it is a four-light window. At the second level there are two shed-roofed dormers with eight-over-eight double-hung windows. This house has a gambrel roof covered by asbestos tiles. There is a massive exterior end chimney on the north elevation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES early 19th century  
1845 - Additions

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Allnutt family is one of the oldest continuing in Montgomery County, James Allnutt having purchased 746 acres of land bordering Seneca Creek in 1763.<sup>1</sup> This tract was called "Thomas' Discovery". By his will in 1786 James left each of his sons 100 to 171 acres of "Thomas' Discovery" and to his second wife Jane left "...third part of my land called Thomas Discovery including the dwelling house where I do now dwell..."<sup>2</sup> This house was to pass to his five daughters after Jane's death.

His sons built houses of their own on their shares of the estate. His son Lawrence left to the next generation of sons Benoni and Lawrence 259 acres of Thomas Discovery, "where testator lives."<sup>3</sup> This simple two-bay stone house, constructed around the beginning of the 19th century, was altered in 1845. An addition was made on the north end and the doorway moved. Over the new doorway lintel was carved the inscription "B & L Allnutt 1845". The only initials of this generation which match this inscription would be Benoni & Lawrence, Jr., perhaps commemorating and celebrating the completion of the construction work on the family homestead. At that time Benoni was 60 years old and unmarried, Lawrence (Jr.) eleven years younger with a wife and seven children.

Lawrence (Jr.) prospered and added acreage to the property. In 1850 his eldest son Nathan received 260 acres, 3 slaves, \$1,500 and a horse "advancement" against his inheritance.<sup>4</sup>

After Lawrence's death in 1859 a survey was made of the remaining property. It shows the following: two lots, the southernmost one consisting of 171 acres of Thomas' Discovery with a two-story house. This lot was labeled "Benoni Allnutt". The other lot consisted of 394 acres lying on both sides of Seneca Creek, with a house near the road from Seneca Mills to Dawsonville. This record also included statement of election by the sons as to their choices of lots. Benoni Allnutt chose Lot 2, part 1 (Rockland) which was already his home or the home of his uncle also named Benoni. The other son Benjamin chose Lot 1, the homestead, which would become known as the Benjamin Allnutt House.<sup>5</sup>

During this same period (1859 to 1861) both the brothers of the 1845 inscription died, Lawrence (Jr.) and Benoni, as well as Lawrence's wife. Benjamin and Benoni the sons of Lawrence received property from all these sources, and on the Hopkins Map of 1879, they each owned at least two farms and several buildings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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Benjamin (born 1837) married Rachel White and lived to be 78 years old. Benjamin and Rachel outlived most of their children, granting Henry Allnutt title to the fertile land and house in 1920.<sup>6</sup> The house was also home for one unmarried daughter, Rachel, and just up the road lived another daughter Julia who had married Lawrence Allnutt Darby. After more than a hundred years of intermarriages among the Allnutts/Darbys and Whites, this area southeast of Dawsonville was and still is thickly dotted with the farms and old homesteads of this family.

Henry Allnutt farmed the land until 1941 but his only son Benjamin was a teacher, and the land was sold to Arthur Peter in that year. Peter resold it in 1943 to William Kingswell, and it changed hands again in 1945 when it was purchased by Ida Taylor. The Taylors again remodeled the house, including the slave quarters, but only lived there for four years.<sup>7</sup>

E. Wallys Andrews IV and his wife owned the 384 acres, parts of "Thomas Discovery", "Pleasant Hills", "Amsterdam" and "Woodstock" until 1962. In 1963 Gerald Ewald and his wife purchased 37 acres including the house from Theodore Butz. Mr. Ewald opened an antique shop on the property, selling the 20th century public the kind of everyday utensils and housewares of the kind that the 19th and 19th century Allnutts might have used on that location.<sup>8</sup>

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Noble, The Families of Allnutt/Allnatt, Chapter 9, p. 115; also Genealogical Pedigree #16 in pocket for general genealogy.
- 2 Quoted in Montgomery County Land Record Liber H Folio 256(1790).
- 3 Abstract of Will, Mont. Co., Md. 1776-1825, p.2
- 4 Montgomery County Judgment Record, 3/294 et. seq.
- 5 Ibid., Survey dated 1860, p. 300.
- 6 Montgomery County Land Records 298/55 (July 26, 1920).
- 7 Ibid., 832/308 (1941); 901/1 (1943); 989/298 (1945); 1321/437 (1949).
- 8 Ibid., 3050/267 (1962).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Montgomery County Land and Equity Records as cited, also Plat  
 Plat records for roads Liber JGH 5 Folio 456 (1856) and Liber  
 EBP 17 Folio 155 (1873)  
 Maps - Martinet & Bond (1865) and Hopkins Atlas (1879).  
 General histories of county and histories of Allnutt, Darby, and  
 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Dawson families.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 37 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

South of Dawsonville, bounded on the west by Sugarland Road.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Anne W. Cissel

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

June 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created  
 by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the  
 Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,  
 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information  
 and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringe-  
 ment of individual property rights.

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~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~  
~~(301) 267-1438~~

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Benjamin Allnut House					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Sugarland Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Gerald R. Ewald					
STREET AND NUMBER: Sugarland Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good           <input type="checkbox"/> Fair           <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated           <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins           <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed         </div>
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered           <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered         </div>
<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site         </div>	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, stone structure built in several sections. The south end is the older part; it was a two bay house with a flush gable chimney. The north three bays were added in 1845 and the entrance was moved to the center bay. At the north end there is a flush gable chimney. The windows on the first floor are all 6/9 double hung sash; on the second floor they are 6/6 double hung sash. The lintels and sills are all stone. The central doorway is double, with a four-light transom and panelled reveals.</p> <p>South of the house is the kitchen, now connected by a breezeway. It has a four bay facade, with two doors and two windows. The walls have been rebuilt above the doorheads and a gambrel roof added.</p> <p>On the north end is a modern frame addition.</p> <p>East of the house is a framed bankbarn.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1845

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-  
losophy☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-  
itarian☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The north end of the house can be dated by the inscription "B and L. Allnut - 1845" in the lintel over the main entrance.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

20 May 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 9, 1988

ACTION TAKEN

APPENDIX A

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE  
 HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the site will no longer be governed by the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The sites will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The following sites were found by the Preservation Commission to be too greatly altered from the period of their architectural or historical significance or not to meet Ordinance criteria for designation.

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
18/37	Benjamin Allnutt Farm	15511 Sugarland Road Poolesville, MD



#18-37

NAME BENJAMIN ALLNUFF HSE

LOCATION SUGARLAND Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74 MDWYER



#18-37

NAME BENJAMIN ALLNUTT HSE

LOCATION SUGARLAND Rd DAWSONVILLE Md

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74 MDWYER





#18-37

NAME	BENJAMIN ALLNUTT - BARN
LOCATION	SUGARLAND Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md
FACADE	SW
PHOTO TAKEN	5/20/74 MDWYER